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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the haulage of subsurface-mined material with using at least two similar vehicles, each of said similar vehicles comprising vehicle featuring a travel drive, characterized in that the comprising the steps of moving said at least two similar vehicles are moved in the a roadway section between the a heading face and a continuously extended haulage means, and conducting wherein at least one material transfer from one vehicle a first of said similar vehicles to another similar vehicle takes place a second of said similar vehicles between the heading face and the a transfer of the material to the haulage means.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said at least two similar vehicles (1, 2) are provided with comprise linear conveying devices (3, 4), e.g., conveyor belts, and wherein at least one linear conveying device (3, 4) of each vehicle (1, 2) is arranged on the a vehicle frame such that it can so as to be raised and lowered, as well as displaced and to be displaceable in the a conveying direction.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the wherein said linear conveying devices (3, 4) of the vehicles (1, 2) feature comprise at least one articulated axle that extends transverse- transversely to the conveying direction.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the wherein sections of the said linear conveying device (3, 4) of each vehicle (1, 2) that are interconnected in an articulated fashion and are connected to separate actuating drives for raising and lowering the sections.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to one of claims 2-4, characterized in that claim 2, wherein at least one section of the said linear conveying device (3, 4) is realized in the form of a sled or connected to a sled that can adapted to be displaced displaceable in the a longitudinal direction of the said vehicle.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to one of claims 2-5, characterized in that claim 2, wherein a conveying means (5) realized separately of a said linear conveying device (3, 4) is arranged underneath the said linear conveying device (3, 4) such that it can so as to be retracted retractable into the said vehicle frame and raised in into an extended position.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to one of claims 2-6, characterized in that the claim 2, wherein said linear conveying device (3, 4) and, if applicable, the additional separate conveying means (5) are realized such that they can is arranged so as to be retracted retractable into a position that essentially lies within the an outline of the said vehicle (1, 2) in a top view thereof.

8. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein said linear conveying devices (3, 4) are conveyor belts.

9. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein at least one section of said linear conveying device is connected to a sled adapted to be displaceable in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

10. (New) A method according to claim 6, wherein said linear conveying device and said additional separate conveying means (5) are both arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.

11. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein sections of said linear conveying device of each vehicle are interconnected in an articulated fashion and are connected to separate actuating drives for raising and lowering the sections.

12. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein at least one section of said linear conveying device is in the form of a sled adapted to be displaceable in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

13. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein at least one section of said linear conveying device is in the form of a sled adapted to be displaceable in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

14. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein a conveying means (5) realized separately of said linear conveying device is arranged underneath said linear conveying device so as to be retractable into said vehicle frame and raised into an extended position.

15. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein a conveying means (5) realized separately of said linear conveying device is arranged underneath said linear conveying device so as to be retractable into said vehicle frame and raised into an extended position.

16. (New) A method according to claim 5, wherein a conveying means (5) realized separately of said linear conveying device is arranged underneath said linear conveying device so as to be retractable into said vehicle frame and raised into an extended position.

17. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein said linear conveying device is arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.

18. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein said linear conveying device is arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.

19. (New) A method according to claim 5, wherein said linear conveying device is arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.

20. (New) A method according to claim 6, wherein said linear conveying device is arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.